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SUBJ: PEKING POLICY TOWARD MOSCOW

SUMMARY: PAKISTAN TIMES CORRESPONDENT H.K. BURKI WRITING  
FROM PEKING FINDS NO RPT NO CHANGE IN PRC POLICY TOWARD USSR  
AND DESCRIBES WESTERN PRESS REPORTS ON SUBJECT AS "FANCIFUL".  
END SUMMARY

TEXT: SEMI-OFFICIAL PAKISTAN TIMES (NOV 11) FRONTPAGED ITS  
CORRESPONDENT BURKI'S PEKING DATELINED REPORT SAYING QUOTE THERE  
IS NO RPT NO CHANGE IN CHINESE ATTITUDE TOWARD SOVIET UNION AND  
WESTERN PRESS REPORTS BROADCASTING A BASIC SHIFT IN PEKING'S  
OFFICIAL STAND, ARE BEING FIRMLY REFUTED HERE UNQUOTE.  
TIMES' CORRESPONDENT BURKI CURRENTLY VISITING PRC AS MEMBER OF  
PAKISTAN PRESS DELEGATION LED BY NASIM AHMED, SECINFOR., GOP.  
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BURKI ATTRIBUTED SPECULATIONS ON CHANGE TO MISINTERPRETATIONS

OF PRC MESSAGE ON RUSSIAN REVOLUTION DAY, LANGUAGE OF WHICH HE SAID, QYOTE MAY SEEM RELATIVELY CONCILIATORY IN TONE(BUT) IT REITERATES AND SPELLS OUT EXACTLY CHINA'S WELL KNOWN POSITION ON SETTLEMENT OF BORDER DISPUTE WITH SOVIET UNION UNQUOTE.

BURKI POINTED OUT THAT CHINESE HAD ONLY RESPONDED TO BREZHNEV'S PROPOSAL OF NON-AGGRESSION PACT MADE TO PRC ON OCT 1, AND ADDED, QUOTE CHINESE CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THAT SUCH A PACT WOULD BE AN EXERCISE IN FUTILITY BECAUSE IT WOULD DO NOTHING TO REMOVE BASIC CAUSE OF HOSTILITY...DISPUTE ON USSURI RIVER FRONTIER UNQUOTE.

BURKI FURTHER SAID THAT PRC IN ITS RUSSIAN REVOLUTION DAY MESSAGE HAS ASKED MOSCOW TO QUOTE UPHOLD UNDERSTANDING UNQUOTE REACHED BETWEEN KOSYGIN AND CHOU IN SEPTEMBER 1969 AND SIGN AN AGREEMENT ON THAT BASIS. THAT UNDERSTANDING BURKI CONTINUED," CALLED FOR MUCH MOR THAN MERE NON-AGGRESSION PACT".

SOVIET PROPOSAL HYPOCRITICAL: GIVING CHINESE REACTION TO SOVIET PROPOSAL BURKI WROTE, QUOTE CHINESE CONSIDER MR. BREZHNEV'S NON-AGGRESSION PACT PROPOSAL AS HYPOCRITICAL. THEY BELIEVE THAT IT WAS MADE ONLY TO DECEIVE SOVIET PEOPLE AND TO MISLEAD WORLD PUBLIC OPINION....THE CHINESE, HOWEVER, GENUINELY DESIRE NORMALIZATION OF THEIR RELATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION. THEY STRESS THAT IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO AFFECT STATE RELATIONS, A CONCEPT TO WHICH THEY HAVE GIVEN PRACTICAL EXPRESSION FOR A LONG TIME AND ESCPECIALLY IN PAST THREE YREARS OR SO. BUT NORMALIZATION WITH MOSCOW WOULD TAKE PLACE ONLY WHEN CHOU-KOSYGIN UNDERSTANDING OF 1969 IS SEALED INTO A MUTUALLY BINDING AGREEMENT UNQUOTE.

COMMENT: BURKI IN HIS REPORT DIDNOT IDENTIFY ANY SOURCE OF HIS INFORMATION. WE ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH WAYS PRC PRESENTLY MAKES USE OF VISITING FOREIGN PRESSMEN TO BROADCAST OFFICIAL VIEWS, BUT AS SEEN FROM ISLAMABAD IT CERTAINLY CONCEIVABLE THAT CHINESE, RECOGNIZING BURKI AS SENIOR CORRESPONDENT CLOSE TO TOP CIRCLE OF GOP AND SEMI-OFFICIAL NATURE OF PAK TIMES, PROVIDED INFO TO HIM.  
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